



Tiger Topics

School Newsletter

EMERSON-WILLIAMS

From the Principal's Desk

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Each year at this time I write that the spring and end of the school year are extremely busy. This year is no exception, as classes begin to go on field trips and the number of events increases. The field trips vary according to grade level and curriculum, and the students and staff benefit from these experiences.

The Jog-A-Thon and the Emerson-Williams Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, May 21. The Jog-A-Thon is a PTO fundraiser, but it is also planned so that students can exercise for an extended period of time. Mr. Coursey, Emerson-Williams' Physical Education teacher, and PTO Chair Darka Jara coordinate this event.

Field Day is scheduled for May 24. This is an Early Dismissal day. Parents are invited to attend and observe their child, as Field Day is designed to be similar to an art show or concert because it is a time for students to demonstrate the skills they have learned throughout the year. The sixth graders take pride in running the events with teacher supervision.

On behalf of the teachers and staff at Emerson-Williams, I would like to thank the PTO for showing so much appreciation to our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. The teachers feel very much supported, and they are thrilled and amazed at the creativity and generosity of the PTO.

In closing, Mrs. LaFleche, grade 2 teacher, has announced that she will resign effective at the end of this school year. She has accepted a position as a first grade teacher in Ellington. Mrs. LaFleche has been at Emerson-Williams School for 17 years, and this was a difficult decision for her. However, she spends many hours a week commuting, but more importantly, she wants to become an active member of the school community where she lives. This will also allow her more time to spend with her family. Mrs. LaFleche will be missed by staff, students and families.

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PTO Highlights

Between TV Turn Off Week activities and the Teacher Appreciation Week events, it has been a busy couple of weeks! Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the TV Turn Off activities. They provided many opportunities to socialize with other E-W families, and some of them even raised some money for the PTO! A special thank you goes out to Jackie LaPerriere who organized the whole TV Turn Off Week! Thank you also to Paul LaPerriere, Andrea Ginter and Bob Morrissey, who helped with individual events during the week.

Teacher Appreciation Week was also a great success! Teachers were recognized in a different way each day, concluding with a teacher luncheon on Thursday and coffee and muffins on Friday morning. We heard from the teachers how wonderful the week was, how great the food was, and how appreciative they are of all that the PTO does for them and the school. Thank you to Darka Jara for planning the week and to all the families that got involved with making posters, sending in flowers and letters, and contributing food for the lunch and breakfast.

As you have heard, we have gotten a grant from the state to build the playscape. We are finishing up with the details of the playscape design and working hard to try and have the installation completed by the start of school in the fall. We will keep you posted on the progress of meeting that late August completion date.

Comedy Night occurred on Friday, May 10. Due to the hard work of Lauren Barbara, Andrea Ginter and Amber Kiniry, it was a huge success. It was a great time with a lot of laughs! Between ticket sales, the raffles, and the silent auction, it looks to be our most successful fund raiser of the year. Hats off to these three ladies!

Feel free to contact either one of us with any PTO questions or concerns.

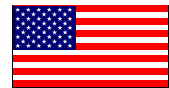
Regards,
Martin Malicki, 2nd Year Co-President
John Kiniry, 1st Year Co-President

Calendar



May 21 Blood Drive
June 8 Strawberry Fest

Thank Our Military: Donate Coupons



Please help the men and women currently serving our country – and their families – by donating your unused or expired manufacturer’s coupons, which are accepted by military commissaries overseas. The coupons help our military families stationed in other countries, and it doesn’t cost you a thing. Please drop off your coupon circulars or clipped coupons in the labeled box near the main office at Emerson-Williams.

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The last PTO meeting of the year will be held June 13.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL 2013 IS COMING!



Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



*The Strawberry Festival Committee
is seeking donations
for Raffle Items.
Please call Michele Lavoie at 860-944-6765*

*CALLING ALL FAMILIES OF EMERSON-WILLIAMS!
PLEASE HELP!*

In order to make this year's Strawberry Festival a successful, fun-filled day for our children, we ask all parents and staff members to help out in some way. A big job is easier done with many hands.

Please contact Michele Lavoie at 860-944-6765 if you can be a part of any of the following activities:

- ❖ **CAKE WALK CONDUCTOR**: Send home flyers for families to contribute goodies, and help run the cake walk the day of the event (or solicit your friends to run it for you!)
- ❖ **PREPARATION TEAM**: Help with signs and letters before, during and after the festival.
- ❖ **COORDINATORS**: Volunteer to run one of the following activities:
 - **STRAWBERRY Superior**: Come up with this year's idea for how strawberries fit into the festival.
 - **Bottle Booth Boss**: Send a notice home about 4 weeks prior requesting families to donate quart size zip-lock bags filled with goodies, gum, small toys, candy, pencils, etc. (no chocolate).
 - **Prize Table Pioneer**: Order prizes from Oriental trading, and run the prize table.
 - **Food Forerunner**: Go to Sam's Club the evening before to purchase hot dogs, condiments, napkins, hot dog holders, plastic ware, soda, water, etc.

All costs are covered by the PTO. We are seeking your TIME and EFFORT only!

Having enough volunteers is a critical part of this event's success. Please share in the success of your children's education. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!

Cupcake Bakers Needed

If you can help bake cupcakes for the festival, please contact
Holly Dyjak: hmdyjak@msn.com

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Visit

www.labelsforeducation.com for a list of participating products.



For every Box Top you collect, Emerson-Williams earns 10¢. While that may not seem like a lot, it really adds up fast.

Drop off your box tops in the container near the main office.

Emerson-Williams Family Day at Rock Cats

The Emerson-Williams PTO invites you to Emerson-Williams Day at New Britain Stadium on Sunday, June 2, 2013.

Come watch the New Britain Rock Cats (Minnesota Twins) vs. Bowie Baysox (Baltimore Orioles).

Don't miss "Voices of Emerson-Williams" school chorus perform "God Bless America" during the 7th inning stretch! Game starts at 1:35pm (gates open 12:05pm). Tickets are \$12 per person and the proceeds will go to the PTO. You received a flyer in your child's backpack, and you can view the flyer at www.ewpto.com. Any questions, please contact Paula Heinzmann at PaulaPTO@yahoo.com or call 860-571-8939.

Wethersfield Public Library

The Wethersfield Public Library offers literacy programs for all ages!

Register (at no cost) for programs by visiting the library. You will need to furnish a parent/caregiver or child's library card number.

To see the most updated list of programs for children, teens and adults, go to www.wethersfieldlibrary.org.

Ongoing, year-round **Saturday Stories** is drop-in fun with books, songs and movement for the whole family! Every Saturday, 10:30 a.m., all ages.

Comedy Night Recap

Wow, what a night! This year's comedy night was a HUGE success! Are you ready for this? **We raised \$11,000!!!** It was an evening that included lots of laughs, great prizes and of course raising funds for the playscape. It was great to be able to spend time with other E-W parents in a social environment. A special thank you to our title sponsor, Rosenberg Orthodontics for donating both funds and a full orthodontic treatment for our auction. We also owe a big thank you to our husbands Stu Barbara, Greg Ginter and John Kiniry for their support and assistance in the months leading up to and including Comedy Night. In addition to all the contributors listed below, we would like to take a moment to thank all the parents and friends who helped out that evening, it truly was a group effort.

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Health Tips

Linda Ciarcia, BSN, RN

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD'S MEDICATION FROM SCHOOL. I CAN NOT SEND ANY MEDICATION HOME WITH CHILDREN! I CAN NOT STORE MEDICATION OVER THE SUMMER. IF IT IS NOT PICKED UP BY JUNE 24, I WILL HAVE TO DISCARD IT.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Parents of students who take medication in school: please have all paperwork filled out by you and the doctor, and returned in September along with any medication that is needed. Remember all medication, even over-the-counter, requires a doctor's signed order.

NO MEDICATION CAN BE SENT IN WITH CHILDREN. Medication forms can be found on the PTO website.

REMINDER to all FIFTH grade students [almost sixth grade students]: All students MUST complete the necessary health assessment and required immunizations prior to JUNE 1, 2014. A physical must be completed prior to, or during the 2013-2014 school year. If not, there will be a delay in the transfer of your child's records to the middle school. Make your appointments early so the physical can be completed in a timely manner. A letter has been sent home explaining this. The blue forms can be found on the PTO website along with any medication forms you may need.

I wish you all a safe and healthy summer.



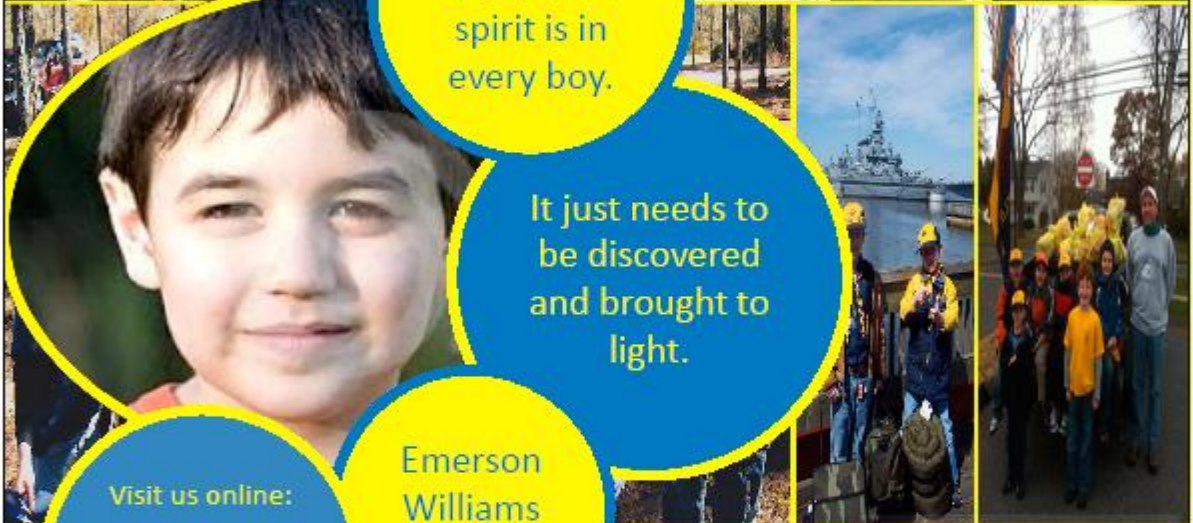


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